

REMARKS

Entry of the foregoing and favorable consideration of the subject application, in light of the following remarks, pursuant to and consistent with 37 C.F.R. § 1.112, are respectfully requested.

Applicants hereby incorporate by reference, in its entirety, the complete remarks section of the Amendment and Reply filed on September 30, 2004. The present "Amendments to the Claims" section which has been submitted herewith is essentially the same as that previously submitted with the Amendment and Reply filed on September 30, 2004. The only difference is the change to the status identifiers for claims 85 and 86 in view of the Office Communication mailed on December 28, 2004. The status identifiers for claims 85 and 86 now recite "Withdrawn."

In view of the foregoing, further and favorable action in the form of a Notice of Allowance is believed to be next in order. Such action is earnestly solicited.

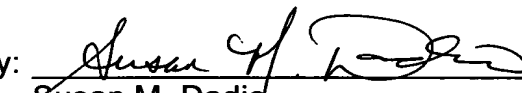
In the event that there are any questions relating to this Response to Office Communication, the Amendment and Reply filed on September 30, 2004, or the application in general, it would be appreciated if the Examiner would telephone the

undersigned attorney concerning such questions so that the prosecution of this application may be expedited.

Respectfully submitted,

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